

## House Resolution No.

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize individuals and organizations that have contributed to the welfare of this great state and its citizens; and

**Whereas**, the Kansas City Chapter of the A. Philip Randolph Institute is holding a special reception on Sunday, April 15, 2007, the anniversary of its founder's birthday; and

**Whereas**, Patricia Jones is the president of the Kansas City Chapter of the A. Philip Randolph Institute; and

**Whereas**, the reception will be held at the Bruce Watkins Cultural Center and the honorees for this event will be The Mutual Musicians Foundation, a Union which was founded in 1917; the former members of the African-American Union Local 555, which was chartered in 1937, and representatives from the Kansas City Call, whose founder, Chester Franklin, was a personal friend of A. Philip Randolph and he assisted Mr. Randolph in his efforts to organize the Pullman and Porters Union in Kansas City; and

**Whereas**, the surviving Pullman and Porters Union members will be presented with a Special Award during the reception; and

**Whereas**, A. Philip Randolph was born on April 15, 1889, and died in 1979, and he was the first African to serve on the National AFL-CIO Board and is considered the greatest black labor leader in American history and the father of the modern American civil rights movement; and

**Whereas**, A. Philip Randolph organized Pullman and Porters all throughout the United States, and they became the first National African-American Union recognized by the AFL-CIO; and

**Whereas**, A. Philip Randolph founded the A. Philip Randolph Institute in 1965 with a mission to continue the struggle for social, political and economic justice for all working Americans, and today the Institute works to strengthen the ties between the labor movement and the community; and

**Whereas**, the A. Philip Randolph Institute's key roles is increasing the impact of black voters through voter registration, education and participation:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to applaud the efforts of the A. Philip Randolph Institute and to congratulate them on the occasion of their founder's reception to be held on April 15, 2007; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution the Kansas City Chapter of the A. Philip Randolph Institute.

Offered by Representative Craig Bland  
District No. 43

Representative Shalonn Curls  
District No. 41

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. , adopted, 2007.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker